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a guide  
to  
agricultural  
quarantines  
for science fair  
participants

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CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS



**S**cience fair exhibits cover the entire spectrum of research and technology. In developing your exhibit, therefore, you may decide to use almost any type of material to illustrate a particular scientific principle or technique.

It is possible that—unknown to you—some of these materials may be infested by plant or animal pests or disease organisms. This fact alone is not significant. But when you gather these materials, or move your exhibit outside your local area, you inadvertently may be spreading pests harmful to this Nation's agriculture.

Whether you are a science fair participant, official, or sponsor, it is important for you to be aware of Federal and State agricultural quarantines. These quarantines regulate the handling and movement of plant and animal pests and diseases, and of materials that may harbor these organisms.



## **Consult Officials**

You won't be able to recognize all regulated materials. Many articles, not normally covered by quarantine restrictions, are contaminated by any contact with pest organisms. Moreover, many destructive organisms are microscopic, or are capable of hiding without leaving visible signs of their presence. Before developing your exhibit of agricultural materials, therefore, you should first consult with Federal or State agricultural officials or with a county agricultural agent if there is a chance the exhibit might be moved outside the local area.

## **Quarantined Materials**

Materials whose movements are often prohibited or restricted by quarantines include:

- Plant and animal pests.
- Specimens from diseased livestock and poultry.
- Plant and animal disease organisms and vectors.
- Plants, plants parts, and plant products.
- Sand, humus, compost, peat, dirt, and other soils.

## **Permits and Certificates**

If you wish to work with regulated materials, see or write Federal and State agricultural officials for help. In most cases, you will be able to use such materials if you obtain a Federal or State permit or certificate before you import or move them outside the local area.

The issuance of permits and certificates depends upon the material involved and on how it will be moved, handled, treated, stored, used, and on its final disposition.

If the importation or movement of exhibit materials is prohibited, you can usually arrange for science fair judges to give full consideration to photographs showing details of quarantined parts.

### **Write for Information**

For information about importation and movement of living animals, their pathogens or vectors, write—

Director, Animal Health Division  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Federal Center Building  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

For information about importation of all other agricultural materials, including plant pests and diseases, write—

Director, Plant Quarantine Division  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Federal Center Building  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

For information about interstate and intrastate movement of agricultural materials, including plant pests and diseases, write—

Director, Plant Pest Control Division  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Federal Center Building  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

### **Information furnished by Plant Pest Control Division, Animal Health Division, and Plant Quarantine Division**

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